

As Middle Georgia's Member of Congress, one of my most important responsibilities is to assist constituents with problems they may have with the federal government. While I cannot require federal officials to decide matters in your favor, I can insist that all rules are followed to ensure that your request receives fair and timely consideration.

Some of the most common problems arise from: Social Security and Medicare benefits; USDA Farm Services and Rural Development Programs; Disaster relief; the Armed Services; Veterans' Services and Benefits; Welfare and Social Services; IRS problems; Immigration and Naturalization Services; and Regulatory Agencies.

GovBenefits.gov helps citizens access government benefit eligibility information through a free, confidential, and easy-to-use questionnaire.

Military Academies - I have the honor and opportunity each year to submit military academy nominations. If you or someone you know might be interested in a nomination, please [click here](#) for further information.

We maintain District offices in Macon and Dublin and our staff is always ready to assist you. Please [contact us](#) for further information.

Student Loans - On July 1, 2006 the interest rates on outstanding federal student loans are expected to rise to just over 7 percent—the highest rate in six years—and the rate on outstanding federal parent loans are expected to rise to about 7.8 percent. Student borrowers who consolidate before July 1st may be eligible to lock in a rate as low as 4.75 percent over the life of their loan(s)—which would save the typical undergraduate borrower almost \$3,500 over the life of his or her loan. But students and parents must act quickly to ensure that they can lock in these lower rates. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Tornado Season - Be prepared -- Tornado Season is still here. Please read this notice from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). [Click here](#) for more information.